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1. THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL, WHO TOGETHER FORM SWITZERLAND'S COLLEGIAL EXECUTIVE, AND INDIVIDUALLY EXERCISE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE SEVERAL EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION AND HEAD OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT, RUDOLPH GNAEGI OF THE SWISS PEOPLES PARTY.

(B) VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND POLICE, KURT FURGLER OF THE CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRAT PARTY.

(C) POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (FOREIGN MINISTRY), PIERRE GRABER OF THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT PARTY.

(D) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY, ERNST BRUGGER, OF THE RADICAL DEMOCRAT PARTY.

(E) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY, WILLI RITSCHARD OF THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT PARTY.

(F) DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, HANS JURLIMANN OF THE CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRAT PARTY.

(G) DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND CUSTOMS, GEORGES-ANDRE CHEVALLAZ OF THE RADICAL DEMOCRAT PARTY.

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2. THE SEVEN COUNCILLORS WERE ELECTED BY PARLIAMENT FOR
FOUR YEAR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1976. THE PRESIDENT,
WHO PERFORMS THE CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS OF CHIEF OF STATE,
BUT HAS NO MORE LEGAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY THAN ANY
OF HIS COLLEAGUES, SERVES FOR ONE YEAR. BY TRADITION, HE
IS REPLACED AS PRESIDENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT.
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